tion) Act, 1967 since 27.11.90. Certain areas of Nagaland have been declared as "disturbed areas" under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 to enable the Armed Forces to deal with the activities of insurgents. Central paramilitary forces have been deployed in the State to assist the State authorities. Steps have been taken to strengthen intelligence gathering.

(c) According to information received from the State Government, 55 persons were killed during this period.

Refud of ticket money to Passengers

*211. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways refund ticket money to passengers, when the trains are delayed beyond the time of the journey period, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that the delay in scheduled timings occurs due to maintenance faults; and

(c) if so, what measures Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir. Since the passengers have availed of the service by performing the journey for which a ticket was issued, there is no reason for grant of refund of fares due to late running of trains.

(b) The delay in scheduled timings occurs not only due to maintenance faults, but also on account of reasons beyond railways control.

(c) In so far as maintenance of equipments are concerned utmost stress is laid on preventive maintenance for which detailed schedules have been laid down. Their implementation is being constantly monitored. Also proper procedures have been drawn up to deal with situations when faults arise so as to reduce delays in scheduled timings.

Implementation of environmental laws to bring down pollution

*212. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Global Environment Facilty of the World Bank, United Nations Development Programme and United Nation's Environment Programme have commended India's environmental alws;

(b) if so, whether despite effective environmental laws in the country, the pollution rate in the major cities is increasing; and

(c) if so, the steps contemplated by Government to implement the environmental laws so as to bring down pollution in major cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Government is not aware of any such specific reference.

(b) and (c) The pollution rate in the major cities is increasing due to rapid urbanisation and industrialisation.

A policy statement on the abatement of pollution has been brought out by the Government on February 26, 1992. Steps have been initiated to implement this policy.

ललितपुर-खजुराहो-सतना और रीवा-सिंगरौली रेल लाइन के निर्माण की अनुमति

*213. श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार क्षेत्रीय तथा पर्यटन विकास की दृष्टि से ललितपुर

खजुराहो-सतना और रीवा-सिंगरौली रेल लाइन के निर्माण को स्वीकृति दिए जाने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) क्या मध्य प्रदेश तथा उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकारों ने भी उक्त रेल लाइनों के निर्माण के लिए केंद्र सरकार से अनुरोध किया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) से (ग) ललितपुर-खजुराहो-सतना, महोबा-खजुराहो और रीवा-सीधि-सिंगरौली रेल लाइन के लिए सर्वेक्षण-कार्य शुरू कर दिया गया है । आगे की कार्रवाई सर्वेक्षण के परिणामों और आगामी वर्षों में संसाधनों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करेगी । मध्य प्रदेश और उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकारों ने सेंट्रल जोन काउंसिल की हाल ही में हुई बैठक में इस लाइन की सिफारिश की है ।

Degradation of the global environment

*214. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the developed countries which are primarily responsible for the degradation of the global environment, have committed the date of putting their contribution of 0.7 percent of GNP for Official Development Assistance; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the quantum in terms of dollar, the 0.7 per cent of GNP comes to; whether this is a recurring amount or lump sum; and

(c) the financial assistance required to meet 100 percent the problem of degradation of global environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) At the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held at Rio de Janeiro in June, 1992, the developed countries re-affirmed their commitment to reach the accepted United Nations target of 0.7 per cent of Gross National Product (GNP) for Official Development Assistance and, to the extent that they have not achieved the target, agreed to augment their aid programmes in order to reach the target as soon as possible.

(b) On the basis of current Gross National Product (GNP) of developed countries, the Official development Assistance (ODA) to Gross National Product (GNP) ratio of 0.7 per cent is estimated to be approximately US $ 120 billion per annum.

(c) The Secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development have estimated that the average annual cost for implementing environment protection activities in developing countries ,as envisaged in Agenda 21, would be ovtr US $ 600 billion for the period from 1993 to 2000 A.D.

Selling of Indo-Pak border

*215. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that, following eruption of trouble in Sindh the Government of Pakistan has decided to seal the border with India;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken by Government to seal the entire Indo-Pak border in view of Pak infiltration in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) whether Government have fixed any target date for the completion of sealing the entire Indo-Pak border?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) The Government have seen such reports since the launching of Operation Blue Fox in Sind by Pakistan Army.

(b) and (c) Border fencing and flood lighting at most of the sensitive and vulnerable stretches has been completed on